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**'Keeping the Promise' aid reimburses  
special education costs**

MADISON—State Superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster announced allocation of \$1.25 million in *Keeping the Promise*: High-Cost Special Education Aid to 123 local educational agencies serving students with disabilities from 149 school districts.

"All children are entitled to a free appropriate public education," Burmaster said. "However, some of our students have severe or multiple disabilities that require very specialized equipment and services that can cost three or more times the average expense for educating a student. This aid will help school districts offset some of the costs for these services."

This is the third year Burmaster has allocated federal discretionary dollars for the *Keeping the Promise*: High-Cost Special Education Aid program. She developed the initiative in 2003 to compensate for a lack of both federal and state funding for special education services required under federal law. Data from the aid program substantiated the need for high-cost special education aid, which was included in the 2005-07 biennial budget. The first state payments of high-cost special education aid will be made in June 2007.

Claims for eligible costs for services to students with severe or multiple disabilities during the 2004-05 school year totaled \$6.4 million, far outstripping federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) discretionary dollars allocated to this aid program. Aid went to 118 school districts, two cooperative educational service agencies, and three county children with disabilities education boards.

Eligible costs under the *Keeping the Promise* program include all costs (except administration or leadership) related to educating a student with high-cost special education needs in the 2004-05 school year. Reimbursement from IDEA flow-through funds, Medicaid, and state special education categorical aids were deducted first. *Keeping the Promise* aid was then calculated at 90 percent of the amount by which

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the total cost after deductions of providing education and related services to an individual child exceeds \$30,000. Reimbursement was then prorated so it didn't exceed the \$1.25 million available.

"Using this discretionary federal funding for *Keeping the Promise* aid provides immediate help to school districts that lack sufficient state or federal special education funding to serve their students with disabilities," Burmaster said.

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**ATTACHMENT:** A list of school districts and other providers of special education services receiving *Keeping the Promise*: High-Cost Special Education Aid for services provided during the 2004-05 school year follows. Those marked with an asterisk (\*) are the fiscal agent for services provided to children from other local educational agencies.

# Keeping the Promise: High-Cost Special Education Aid

## *Payments for Costs Incurred in the 2004-05 School Year*

### **School District**

Appleton Area, \$5,753	Lac du Flambeau #1, \$28,526	Rosholt, \$1,773
Arcadia, \$4,763	Lakeland UHS, \$7,108	Rubicon J6, \$12,748
Argyle, \$7,979	Laona, \$1,390	Saint Croix Falls, \$9,615
Beloit, \$3,369	Little Chute Area, \$3,122	Salem, \$1,367
Boscobel Area, \$2,205	Lodi, \$3,743	Sheboygan Area, \$31,394
Bowler, \$958	Luxemburg-Casco, \$7,269	* Sheboygan Falls, \$1,994
Brighton #1, \$5,194	* Madison Metropolitan, \$231,910	Shorewood, \$7,567
Bristol #1, \$2,695	Manitowoc, \$10,569	Somerset, \$10,404
Brown Deer, \$14,728	Marinette, \$4,653	Sparta Area, \$104
Cameron, \$6,317	* Marshall, \$3,467	Spring Valley, \$7,994
Cedarburg, \$8,402	McFarland, \$10,400	Sun Prairie Area, \$33,706
Central/Westosha UHS, \$3,156	Menasha, \$4,354	* Three Lakes, \$341
Chetek, \$465	Menomonie Area, \$3,105	Tomah Area, \$8,732
Clintonville, \$12,536	Mequon-Thiensville, \$8,350	Trevor Grade, \$1,627
Cochrane-Fountain City, \$683	Merrill Area, \$8,465	Turtle Lake, \$1,103
Crandon, \$918	Merton Community, \$5,489	Unity, \$2,997
Cuba City, \$6,502	Middleton-Cross Plains, \$14,496	Verona Area, \$12,989
D C Everest Area, \$3,534	Milton, \$1,522	Viroqua Area, \$1,298
Denmark, \$1,116	Milwaukee, \$16,723	Watertown, \$1,325
Durand, \$9,952	Minocqua J1, \$4,544	Waukesha, \$443
Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah, \$2,431	Montello, \$11,742	* Wausau, \$11,162
* Elmbrook, \$23,066	New Glarus, \$6,793	Wauwatosa, \$2,203
Evansville Community, \$16,561	New London, \$2,858	West Bend, \$7,199
Florence, \$2,439	New Richmond, \$4,952	Westby Area, \$230
Fond du Lac, \$6,107	Nicolet UHS, \$7,410	Westfield, \$3,093
Fort Atkinson, \$3,879	Northland Pines, \$11,816	Wheatland J1, \$1,146
Franklin Public, \$22,123	Northwood, \$2,169	Wilmot UHS, \$9,197
Germantown, \$6,647	Oak Creek-Franklin, \$11,463	Winneconne Community, \$6,639
Glendale-River Hills, \$4,531	Oakfield, \$2,248	Wisconsin Dells, \$1,264
Grafton, \$3,631	Oconto Falls, \$904	Wisconsin Heights, \$7,533
Green Bay Area, \$56,439	Oregon, \$6,886	Wittenberg-Biramwood, \$441
Greendale, \$3,722	Osceola, \$8,852	
Hamilton, \$9,091	Palmyra-Eagle Area, \$5,293	
Hartland-Lakeside J3, \$1,857	Peshtigo, \$2,951	
Highland, \$7,511	Pewaukee, \$86	
Independence, \$3,092	Port Washington-Saukville, \$14,031	
* Janesville, \$15,853	Potosi, \$4,052	
Jefferson, \$4,160	Prentice, \$13,052	
Kenosha, \$17,969	Racine, \$82,528	
Kettle Moraine, \$29,383	Rhineland, \$5,513	
Kewaskum, \$6,872	Richfield J1, \$3,092	
* Kickapoo Area, \$3,212	Richland, \$2,061	
La Crosse, \$6,373	River Falls, \$3,565	
	Rosendale-Brandon, \$227	

### **Cooperative Educational Service Agency**

- \* CESA 2, \$6,344
- \* CESA 10, \$24,129

### **County Children with Disabilities Education Board**

- \* Marathon County, \$3,177
- \* Racine County, \$12,063
- \* Walworth County, \$52,736

\* Denotes the fiscal agent for services provided to children from other local educational agencies.